

John B. Connally

PUBLIC ART COLLECTION IDENTIFICATION SUMMARY



Number: 0002

Artist: Ammann, Sharon Connally

Title: John B. Connally

Date: Donated 1994

Type: Sculpture

Medium: Bronze Base: granite

Dimensions: Sculpture: 85"h x 34"w x 36"d,
Base: 21"h x 61 ½" w x 61 ½ "d

Foundry/Fabricator: Stephens Art Foundry, Val Verde, TX

Location/Environment: Sam Houston Park / Outdoors

Historical Background

Subject History

John Bowden Connally, Jr. was born in Floresville, Texas in 1917. He received a Bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Texas in Austin and served as secretary for Lyndon B. Johnson (then Texas' U.S. Representative) in Washington, D.C, from 1939 to 1941.

Connally served as a Navy officer in World War II, first as a legal assistant to James V. Forrestal, (then Secretary of the Navy) and later as part of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff in North Africa, when the Allied invasion of Italy was in the planning stages.

President John F. Kennedy appointed Connally to the position of Secretary of the Navy in January 1961. He resigned this post to make a successful run for governor of Texas and held that position for three consecutive terms. Connally also served as Secretary of the Treasury, during the Nixon Administration. He was involved with private business when he died in 1993.

Artist History

His daughter, Sharon Connally Ammann, sculpted the *John B. Connally* statue.

Physical Description

John B. Connally is located in a patio that is behind the Heritage Society complex, adjacent to Sam Houston Park.

Connally is shown wearing a suit and cowboy boots. His proper left arm hangs to his side, with his hand holding a Stetson hat. His proper right hand is hidden inside his pant pocket. The top button of his jacket is buttoned while the bottom button is not. Connally is depicted mid-stride and looking straightforward.

The front face of the self-base reads as follows:

JOHN BOWDEN CONNALLY, JR.
1917 - 1993

All public offices that Connally held, are etched into the remaining sides of the self-base.

Restoration / Conservation

N/A